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PRIDE.

A QUEER thing this—pride.

Few people but have pride, but the things upon which they pride themselves are often widely different. What one person may be proud of, another may be ashamed of. What one person prizes above anything else, another may look down upon with scorn. Pride is most elastic.

Miladi Kniekerbocker can point with pride to generations of noble ancestors, in whose veins ran the blue blood of royalty. That notable scions of her race had been degenerate whelps with no manhood or admirable qualities does not lower her pride in the strain of kings from which she is descended.

Mistress Prue, on the other hand, finds pride in the sturdy, honest, God-fearing race of which she is a worthy representative. The breath of scandal has never been associated for a moment with the stock from which she comes, and she is proud of this.

Pride of ancestry is but one form which pride may take. There is the lad who is proud of his college athletic record, and the boy who takes pride in his scholarship. There is the man who takes pride in his keen wits that baffle the lawmakers, and the man who is proud of his ability to trace the lawbreaker.

In the municipal court of a large Northwestern city a few weeks ago, appeared a woman, guilty of breaking all of the ten commandments, as well as numerous man-made laws. She perjured herself without concern while being cross-examined on the witness stand. She used language seldom heard from the lips of vile men. In short, she had plumbed the depths to which a woman can fall, and court attendants looked on with a mixture of disgust and pity.

"—and this woman was sitting in her room, doubtless smoking, when the plaintiff—" The prosecuting attorney was interrupted by a shrill cry from the woman.

"It's a lie!" she shrieked. "You found some cigarettes on my table, but a friend had left them there." She drew herself up with what dignity was at her command.

"I never smoked a cigarette in my life!"

And this was pride.

THE BOYHOOD OF THE COUNTRY.

OF all the "movements" which give good promise for the future of American life, none is more important or more valid than the boyhood movement. We are growing more appreciative of the value of boyhood, and we are showing it in better ways. This does not mean a new

love of fathers and mothers for their sons, but it does mean a public recognition of boyhood as a public asset.

The Boy Scout movement is perhaps one of the greatest National factors toward developing manhood in the youth, in teaching the youngster the true values of right and wrong, in shaping the twig that the tree may be straight. The corn-growing clubs, so numerous in the Middle-Western States and now being introduced into the Northwest, and all of such have a valuable work to perform. The Y. M. C. A. may be commended for its efficient work in training boys, through their own efforts, for the fulfillment of their obligations to themselves and to society.

All this is social engineering of a superlative kind. The method of social engineering is as admirable as the result, for it applies the old, eternally sound principle of "helping others to help themselves." It enables boys to solve "the boy problem."

The conservation of boys and the guidance of their energies, to the end that their potential capacities and powers may rightly be developed into the dynamic forces of the social America of tomorrow, constitute one of the greatest duties which we owe to our experiment in democracy.

ANOTHER "LOST CITY."

A NNOUNCEMENT is made from Los Angeles of the discovery, confirmed by photographs and relics brought back, of another "lost city of the Incas" in Peru. The story bears all the earmarks of truth and there is no apparent reason for doubting it.

In the unexplored areas of the South American Continent, as well as in Central America, evidences of a very ancient civilization have, from time to time, been found, and while in the past the professors and savants of the nations have given Egypt and the other countries bordering on the Mediterranean almost exclusive attention, it begins to look as if these later finds will in future constitute a basis for active study and exploration.

There are evidences of a civilization as old as that of Memphis and of Thebes in the two countries mentioned, and it is by no means improbable that it was as far advanced. Certain it is that there are points of similarity both in architecture and in hieroglyphics as compared with the Egyptian. Pyramids have been found which, while not so large as those of Egypt, are of similar shape and it is related that many inscriptions bear a close resemblance to those found in the land of the Pharaohs.

These circumstances have been considered by believers in the existence of what has been designated as the lost continent of "Atlantis," as proof that that land of mystery once extended from South America to the Continent of Africa and when destroyed by an immense upheaval of the earth which caused the waters of the great deep to flood the larger part of its area, either the survivors of the catastrophe on the western side, or their predecessors in exploration, founded new homes and new nations in the northern portion of South America and in Central America.

Of course all this is chiefly supposition, but there is a possibility that when thorough explorations and excavations have been made, that the wise men of our own generation may solve the mystery attaching to the birth and growth of the human race on this

side of the world, a consummation, to quote Hamlet, "devoutly to be wished for."

For inasmuch as we appear to be thwarted in our search for the individuality of Infinity, as intimated by Zophar the Naamathite in the great dialogue in Job, perhaps we shall find solace in the study of mankind and his history. Even so we shall be well rewarded.

In connection with the discovery of this city mentioned, it is added that the Amazon has been traced to its source, where, as a stream not two inches wide, it trickles from a mountain nearly 18,000 feet high in the mighty range of the Andes, a no small achievement by the way, and one of great value to geographers.

"CATCHING COLD."

THE recent cold spell in the Northwest was heralded by a chorus of sneezes—everybody catching cold, except that fortunate and offensively boastful few who "never catch cold."

Why? The reasons will be helpful in avoiding cold. The Fall epidemic of colds comes for these reasons: That the closing of doors and windows against the outdoor chill suddenly shuts off the supply of clean fresh air, which is a sovereign safeguard against colds; that with less outdoor exercise most people continue the heavy diet that the outdoor exercise of Summer enabled them to get away with nicely; and that hermetically-sealed interiors form hotbeds for the spread of the germs that cause colds—for a cold is a germ disease and is contagious, and its germ is, moreover, dangerously friendly with the germs of tonsillitis, diphtheria, pneumonia, etc.

A Philadelphia doctor gives this good advice: "To avoid colds, avoid overeating, overdrinking, overwork, exposure and other persons who have colds." He should have added, avoid foul air and cultivate fresh air.

"Everybody up at our house has a cold." Ever hear that? Many times. Think of that, and then of that Philadelphia doctor's advice about avoiding "other persons who have colds." Colds run through a family for the same reason smallpox might run through a family—because one gets it and gives it to the rest.

And don't scorn a cold as a little thing. Generally it is a little thing, but when it is you are lucky. "Just a cold" covers a multitude of perils; for a cold often suddenly strikes at a vital point and plays the very mischief.

Avoid colds by cultivating fresh air and temperance in food, drink and work, by keeping up outdoor exercise as much as possible during the Winter months, and by avoiding contagion. And when you get a cold, be careful of yourself.

The warring nations have been invited to the biennial congress of the American Peace Society. At which, remarks the New York Sun, they ought to be able to stuff a pillow with dove feathers.

They are now making mock-turtle soup so well that the only people able to detect the difference is the man who tastes it.

If it be true that the hookworm is in Panama, it is evident that Colonel Goethals hasn't learned about it yet.

Venus has nothing on Gertrude Hoffman, the vaudeville dancer, and Gertrude hasn't much on herself.